



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor
John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
SEVERE WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK
NOVEMBER 3-7, 2003

WHEREAS, the State of North Dakota is vulnerable to various types of severe winter weather including extremely cold temperatures, dangerous wind chills, ice storms, snowstorms, and freezing rain; and

WHEREAS, severe winter weather can cause injury and death through hypothermia, frost bite, heart attack, stroke, traffic accidents, and other related causes; and

WHEREAS, severe winter weather can interrupt electrical and communication services to homes, schools and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the loss of life and property during the winter months can be greatly reduced if North Dakotans take appropriate preparedness measures before, during and after experiencing severe winter weather; and

WHEREAS, preparedness procedures will be highlighted throughout Severe Winter Weather Awareness Week as the North Dakota Division of Emergency Management joins with the National Weather Service, North Dakota Highway Patrol, North Dakota Department of Transportation, North Dakota Game and Fish, the North Dakota Park Service, and the North Dakota Fire Marshal's Office along with county and city management offices to provide winter safety information to citizens throughout the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, as the Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim November 3-7, 2003, as "**SEVERE WINTER WEATHER AWARENESS WEEK**" in the State of North Dakota.

/s/
John Hoeven
Governor

Attest:

/s/
Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State